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MOBILE SERVICE IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts and blocks particularly in West Bengal connected with BSNL mobile service and the number of districts and blocks deprived of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.`s mobile service;

(b) whether the Government proposes to expand mobile service in West Bengal in the current financial year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has so far provided cellular mobile service in all the District Headquarters and 116 Block Headquarters in West Bengal. 226 Block Headquarters are yet to be provided cellular coverage by BSNL in West Bengal.

(b) & (c) BSNL has planned to provide 585700 cellular connections in West Bengal including Calcutta Telephones District during current financial year.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) & (c) above.